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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 12, 2004, applicant elects the invention of Group I, drawn to the embodiment of claims 1-12 and 14-18. Applicant also elects "preventive" methods (at page 5 of the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required an election of "preventing" or "treating" as applied to Group I). The election is made with traverse.

Claim 1 is broadly directed to a method of "modulating an immune response" and encompasses both "preventive" methods as well as "therapeutic" methods. Requiring an election of either "preventive" methods or "therapeutic" methods improperly requires applicant to rewrite and limit the scope of the claimed invention. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 should be examined as presently written and that the requirement for restriction between "preventive" methods and "therapeutic" methods should be withdrawn.

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